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Dear Jacques--

I had looked forward, in advance, to seeing you at Stockholm, and found the event even more gratifying than the expectation.

It was good to see you, and to argue with an intelligence I do not often encounter elsewhere.

You have a formidable assignment ahead of you, writing up your talk. I thought I should seriously remind you of Julian Huxley; flippantly of Feinberg (per enclosures); and wistfully of Settembrini vs. Naphta on the ~~Magic~~ Magic Mountain.

Someday, we ought to do that symposium again, and right this time.

Did you see Medawar's BAAS speech (cf. Science 9/19).

I am beginning to think that Scientific Rationalism has been the last, ~~crumbling~~ crumbling bastion of faith in "meaning", crumbling before the ~~unrelenting~~ onslaught of existentialism -- a little different from what you made out.

Warmly,

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